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Re: F.C.C. Docket 92-235

Dear Chairman Sikes,

The proposed revisions to the Private Land Mobile Radio Services contained in your Commissions' docket 92-235 will certainly be disastrous in their effect on Lake County. In the strongest terms possible, your Commission is urged to reject these proposals.

The "refarming" proposal for the 150-174 MHz bands and the other changes (ie: Sections 88.429, 88.231 and 88.232) are regressive for public safety communications and technically unachievable given our present incapability to make such sweeping changes. The dependability and quality of public safety communications must be preserved. Any regulations which require such a dramatic retrofitting of communications on such an unprecedented scale will require financial support equal to the task.

There must be a careful look by Congress at ways to install support to local government in making changes of this nature, when they are in fact improvements, to emergency services communications. As an example, Federal Emergency Management Assistance grants for public safety / emergency communications equipment is a program long established but presently unfunded.

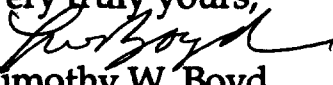
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Essential to the Commission's understanding of the impact of these proposals is recognition that the present economic condition of most local and many state governments will not substantially improve in the next decade and may in fact worsen. Any aspect of modernization and conversion must reconcile definite quality improvements with this fiscal reality. The above referenced proposals do neither improve public safety communications or cost less to acquire. They will however diminish public safety communications and they represent an enormous cost to local government.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues and recognition of our concerns.

Very truly yours,

Timothy W. Boyd
Director

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